MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

Property Name: Ingleside Survey No.: M:28-8

Property Address 17720 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, Montgomery County
Owner Name/Address James P. O'Connor / 17720 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, MD 20861
Year Built Circa 1860

Description:

Ingleside was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1975. The prior survey form provides only a brief description of the property and lacks a statement of historical significance. Therefore, the following will supplement the prior form.

Ingleside is a 2-story, 3-bay vernacular farmhouse on the west side of New Hampshire Avenue in Ashton, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1860, the building consists of four sections. Sections #1 and #2 are the original side-gable farmhouse with a 2-story rear ell which extends west from the original section. Attached to the rear elevation of the rear ell is section #3, a large 2-story side-gable section constructed in 1898. Section #4 is a 1-story garage addition constructed circa 1940, and attached to the north elevation of section #3.

The structure is of wood-frame construction with a stone foundation under the original section and rear ell. Section #3 has a brick foundation, while the garage addition (section #4) has a concrete block foundation. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the exterior is covered with German wood siding. The windows are wood 6/6 double-hung and wood 6-light casement, most with wood shutters. The house has an exterior brick chimney on the north gable end of the original section and an interior brick chimney at the intersection of the rear ell and section #3. A front-gable entry porch is located on the front elevation. The porch has an asphalt shingle roof, supported by two chamfered wood posts and two pilasters.

Within the porch on the west, or front facade, is a wood panel door flanked by 3-light sidelights. Above the door is a 3-light rectangular transom. The first story of the original section has two double-hung windows. The second story has three double-hung windows vertically aligned over the first story openings. Also visible from the east are the west elevations of sections #3 and #4. The west elevation of section #3 has a double-hung window on the first story and a pair of casement windows on the second story. The west elevation of the garage addition, section #4, has two wood double doors.

The south elevation of the original section has a 1-story flat-roof porch. The porch is supported by two chamfered wood posts. The perimeter of the roof has a wood balustrade. Within the porch is a pair of 10-light wood doors and two double-hung windows. The second story has two double-hung windows, while the attic level has two casement windows. The south elevation of the rear ell has a 1-story enclosed porch with a shed roof. The porch, enclosed circa 1880, has bands of 2/2 double-hung windows. The second story of the rear ell has two casement windows. Section #3 has an enclosed porch on the first story. The porch, enclosed circa 1910, has bands of 8-light casement windows. The second story of section #3 has a single casement window.

The rear elevation of the original section is covered by a 2-story shed roof addition. The addition has a cantilevered canted bay with a central 24-light fixed sash window flanked by 4/4 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has two 6/6 double-hung windows. The rear elevation of section #3 has three pairs of 24-light segmental arch doors on the basement level. The doors, located between brick foundation piers, enclosed an open basement level below section #3. The first story has a cantilevered canted bay with a central 24-light fixed sash window flanked by 4/4 double-hung windows. The second story has two casement windows. The rear elevation of the garage addition (section #4) has two 6-light metal casement windows.

The north elevation of the original section has two 3-light awning windows on the basement level. The first and second stories each have two double-hung windows. The attic level has two casement windows. The basement level of the rear ell has a 9-light window on the basement level and a triple double-hung window on the first story. The second story of the rear ell has a pair of casement windows and a single casement window. The north elevation of section #3 has a casement window on the second story. The north elevation of the garage addition has two 6-light metal casement windows on the first story and a multiple light triangular-shaped window in the gable end.

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Description (continued):

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. Constructed circa 1860, a stone springhouse is located northwest of the house. The springhouse has a hipped roof covered with wood shingles, window openings on the north, south and east elevations and a door opening on the west elevation. The building had running water fed by a spring until the construction of the circa 1985 residential development on an adjacent parcel disrupted the flow.

The property is located on the west side of New Hampshire Avenue, with modern residential development on all sides. The building is located at the end of a long gravel driveway which extends west from New Hampshire Avenue.

Significance:

According to Roger Brooke Farquhar, in his book <u>Old Homes and History of Montgomery County</u>, Ingleside was constructed circa 1855 by William Henry Stabler of neighboring "Auburn" for his son William Stabler, Jr with John Abell as builder. When William Stabler Jr. died in 1867, William's sister Henrietta Stabler Snowden, and her son Francis Snowden, moved into Ingleside. Francis Snowden married Frances Stabler in 1886 and took over management of the farm in 1907.

According to Montgomery County deed records, Joseph Stabler, William Stabler Jr.'s brother bought 38.85 hectares (96 acres) of land from Samuel and Elizabeth Thomas of "Cherry Grove", a neighboring farm to the south. He built the house on the property circa 1860. Joseph Stabler's principal farm was "Auburn" on the west side of the Ingleside Farm. Henrietta Stabler Snowden and Francis Snowden moved to Ingleside in 1867. The first Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County policy issued for Ingleside was dated December of 1868 (Policy #5130). On the policy, Joseph Stabler noted that the farm near Ashton, known as Ingleside, was occupied by his sister and tenants. The frame dwelling valued at \$1400, contained a main building, 2-stories in height, with a 1½-story kitchen wing, one passage, two porches, two chimneys, two fireplaces and eight rooms. The property also had three tenant houses. Tenant House #1 was a 1½-story log building covered with weatherboard. Occupied by Peter Nelson, it had three rooms, one chimney and one fireplace. Nelson Squirrel occupied tenant house #2, a 1½-story log house with four rooms, one chimney and fireplace. Tenant house #3 was a 1½-story log building measuring 4.5 meters by 5 meters (15 feet by 16 feet) with a 'plank' kitchen wing, three rooms and one clay flue, occupied by Ephraim Holland. The property also had a 2-story barn, a hay house and corn house.

The next policy on Ingleside was made by "Francis Snowden of Ingleside" in September 1883 (Policy #12426). The policy included hay and grain, four horses, five cattle, carriages and harness, and agricultural implements, "all on farm of my uncle Joseph Stabler near Ashton." The 1894 insurance policy of Joseph Stabler combined his farms of Auburn and Ingleside. Included were the two main houses, six tenant houses and a carpenter and paint shop. Four of the tenant houses were attributed to Ingleside, three of which were located at the Ashton crossroads. A correction to the policy was made in September of 1898 by Henrietta Snowden noting that a new 2-story kitchen wing 3.6 meters by 12 meters (12 feet by 40 feet) was under construction. This addition increased the number of rooms at Ingleside to a total of 12. In 1902, the value of the house had increased to \$1700. An undertaker's shop had been built by Joseph Stabler at the Ashton crossroads, between tenant houses #2 and #3. The main house and other tenant houses remained as noted in previous policies. (The tenant houses are no longer extant).

In 1911, Joseph Stabler sold 35.6 hectares (88 acres) of the total 38.8 hectares (96 acres) of Ingleside to Francis Snowden. According to Roger Brooke Farquhar, "after the death of Francis Snowden in 1936, and Frances Snowden in 1943, one hundred acres of the Ingleside farm were sold to Everett Sanders, who owned Crestleigh nearby. This left ten acres and the house to Elsie Snowden" (Farquhar 1962, 190). Elsie Snowden, unmarried, was a water color artist who exhibited in Washington and Philadelphia. When she died in 1945, the house and 3.6 hectares (8.925 acres) were sold to Herbert and Bernice McLaury in 1946. William Sinclair Bowling purchased the property in 1957. Sinclair sold the 2.5 hectares (6.179 acres) and the house to the current owners, James and Helen O'Connor in 1963.

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Significance (continued):

Ingleside is located in Ashton. The community of Ashton in northern Montgomery County was, until 1890, a part of neighboring Sandy Spring and shares that town's early Quaker roots. Ashton centers roughly on the intersection of MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) and MD 108 (Onley-Sandy Spring Road) where early Quaker farmers brought their produce to be weighed. The crossroads also attracted Caleb Stabler and Charlie Porter who opened a store around 1860 and named it Ashton. The actual significance of this name is uncertain. In 1889 Alvin G. Thomas, a Quaker, took over the Ashton store. This community commenced its official existence when it received a post office in 1890, taking its name from Stabler and Porter's store.

Twentieth century development in Ashton featured the community's rural character. In fact the first "development" in 1934 consisted of six "farmettes" complete with a small orchard and barn, and room for gardening and animals. Further developments undertaken since World War II, such as Ashton Pond and Ashmead, often took shape as planned communities under the supervision of local, as well as outside developers. Current county zoning, which requires lots of 2 hectares (5 acres), has helped preserve the rural nature of Ashton.

National Register Evaluation:

Ingleside, constructed circa 1860, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as a good example of a mid-nineteenth century vernacular farmhouse. The historic additions made to the building throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries illustrate the evolution of the house from main house on a tenant farm to main residence of a wealthy farming/merchant family. The house also increased in size to meet the needs of the growing Snowden family. The property has excellent integrity, and retains such traditional building materials as German wood siding, wood double-hung and casement windows and wood porch posts and railings. Character-defining elements include the symmetrical fenestration pattern, side-gable roof with cornice returns, rear ell, side porch and front-gable entry porch. Though modern residential development has occurred around the property, Ingleside retains 2.5 hectares (6.179 acres) of land, an original stone springhouse and the historic approach to the house.

The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of Ingleside follow the current property lines of 17720 New Hampshire Avenue (Tax Map JT 342 / Parcel P836). This 2.5 hectare (6.179 acre) parcel is bounded on the north, south and west by modern single-family residential development. The boundary includes the main house and springhouse, both contributing structures, and the historic approach to the house. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a 35.6 hectare (88 acre) parcel which was purchased by Joseph Stabler in 1859. In 1943, the property was reduced in size to 3.6 hectares (8.925 acres). When the property was sold to the current owner, James and Helen O'Connor in 1963, the acreage was reduced to 2.5 hectares (6.179 acres).

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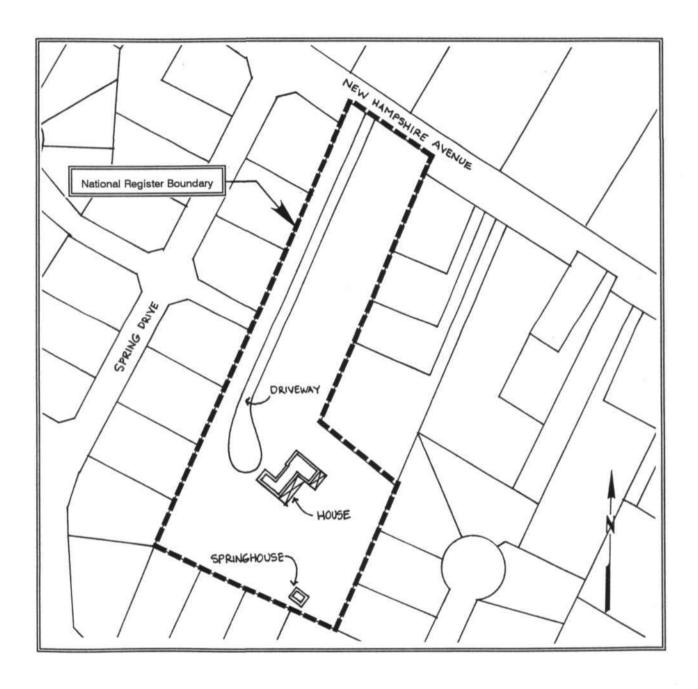
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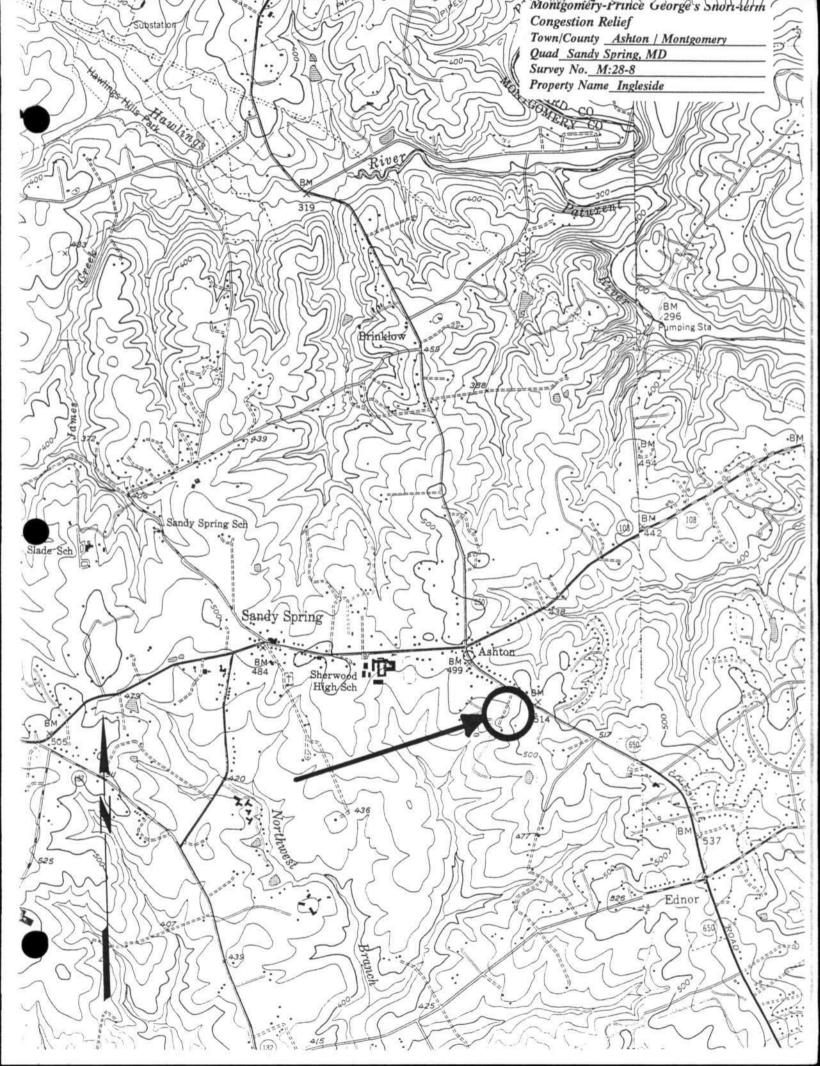
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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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The house faces east and has three bays on this (front) facade. There is a central doorway with transom and sidelights. A newer brick chimney rests along the outside wall on the north end. The house is sheathed in German siding.

On the interior the framing and brick nogging are exposed in the NE room. The timbers are hand-hewn, and the soft bricks are hand-made.

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